

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 263

By Keisling

A RESOLUTION to congratulate the board, staff, and volunteers of the 2018 Fentress County Fair upon being named the 2018 State Champion Fair in the Single A division by the Tennessee Association of Fairs.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those events that promote local business, entertain and educate our citizens, and celebrate the history and culture of the great State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 Fentress County Fair is one such estimable event, which recently received the prestigious honor of being named the 2018 State Champion Fair in the Single A division by the Tennessee Association of Fairs; and

WHEREAS, in its ninety-fourth year, the Fentress County Fair entertains and educates both young and old while offering a host of exhibitions and activities that draw from the whole spectrum of life in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, with the theme "Celebrating Traditions," the 2018 Fentress County Fair had an increase in agricultural exhibits, exhibitors, and overall exhibits from the previous year; new in 2018 were a carnival, egg and spoon races that raised money for nonprofits, and a digital fair book/catalog; and

WHEREAS, focusing on agriculture first, the 2018 Fentress County Fair included the Farmer for a Day interactive display, chick incubation in the poultry barn, Soil Conservation Day, and live demonstrations for youth; and

WHEREAS, facility improvements included a new roof for the grandstands, new building signs, railing for safety, new picnic tables, and garage door and bath upgrades; and

WHEREAS, this unparalleled circus of delight is currently guided by Fair Director Cindy Smith, who is serving her final term of a three-directors term for East Tennessee Fairs; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 Fentress County Fair also received a number of honors at the Tennessee Fair Convention showcase, including second place in the Scrapbook A Division, first place in Pieced Quilt – Hand Pieced/Hand Quilted, third place in Pieced Quilt – Hand Pieced/Machine Quilted, third place in Best Fair Theme Display, and second place in Video DVD; additionally, Fentress County Fairest of the Fair, Sidney Nicole Ipock, won second place in the shoe decorating contest, and Jimmy Sweet served as head usher for the convention; and

WHEREAS, the Fentress County Fair greatly benefited from the stalwart leadership and vision of the Fentress County Fair Board of Directors, including Heath Rexroat, Faye Stephens, Sue Crooks, Joni Ipock, Nadalie Crooks, Brenda Pierce Williams, Cindy Smith, Bridgett Crabtree, Cayla Garrett, Ami Watson, Ashley Bilbrey, Nora Beaty, Lisa Smith, Misty Wright, Angie Sweet, Jeff Crabtree, Chris Watson, Jimmy Sweet, William Bilbrey, Richard Beaty, Richmond Smith, Darrell Wright, and Danny Williams; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Fentress County Fair Board of Directors are most grateful for the tireless hard work and motivation of their volunteers, who are the face and backbone of the fair's success as they "step up, step out, and make it all happen"; and

WHEREAS, the success of the 2018 Fentress County Fair and its well-earned recognition bring great pride to the people of Fentress County, who every year unite with tireless dedication to celebrate and promote local business, agriculture, and history with this time-honored event; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we congratulate the board, staff, and volunteers of the 2018 Fentress County Fair upon being named the 2018 State Champion Fair in the Single A division by the Tennessee Association of Fairs, thank them for their tremendous service to the people of Fentress County, and extend to them our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.